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For: AN ENGAGING ELEMENT USEFUL)	
FOR SECURING OBJECTS, SUCH AS)	
FOOTWEAR AND OTHER FOOT-)	
RECEIVING DEVICES)	

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 29, 2005, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and continued examination of this patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

No amendments to the Abstract, Specification, or Drawings are made by this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the "Listing of Claims," which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.